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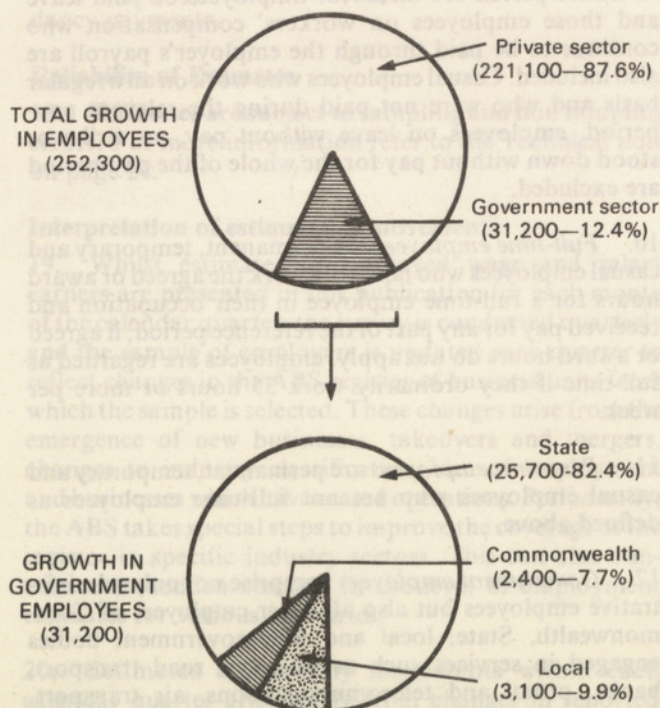
EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIA MARCH QUARTER 1986

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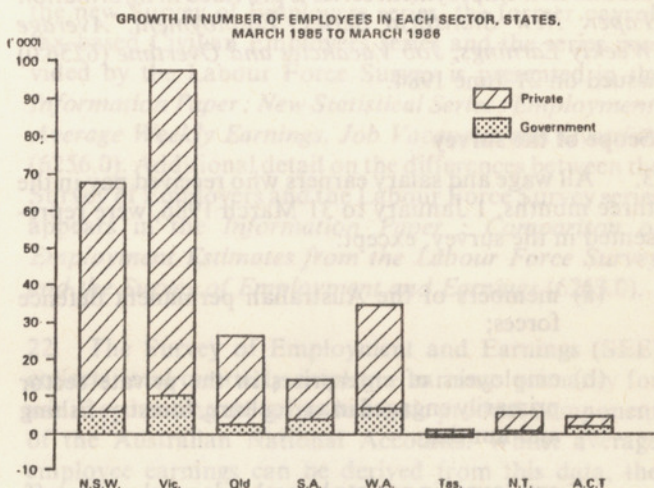
MAIN FEATURES

In March 1986 the total number of employed wage and salary earners in Australia has been estimated at 5,581,200 of which 69 per cent were employed in the private sector. In the year to March 1986 the number of employed wage and salary earners increased by 252,300 or 4.7 per cent. 88 per cent of this increase occurred in the private sector.

GROWTH IN NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BY SECTOR,
AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1985 TO MARCH 1986



States



Industries

Since March 1985 the number of employees in the wholesale and retail trade industry has risen by 72,100 (or 7.0%). Other industries showing a high level of growth are finance, property and business services (54,100 employees, 9.3%) and community services (49,000 employees, 4.4%).

Small business

Private sector businesses employing less than 20 employees in February 1986 employed 1,267,400 wage and salary earners (or 32.9% of total private sector employment). The private sector businesses classified to manufacturing and employing less than 100 persons in February 1986 had 382,200 employees (38.0% of total private sector manufacturing employees).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains results of the quarterly Survey of Employment and Earnings which was introduced in the September quarter 1983. The survey is designed to obtain from employers information on numbers of wage and salary earners employed each month and their quarterly earnings. It replaces the civilian employees series, based principally on information obtained from payroll tax returns, which was discontinued after April 1980.

2. Background information on the reasons for the introduction of the new survey is provided in *Information Paper: Review of ABS Employment Statistics* (6239.0) published on 8 July 1981. Further information on the differences in concepts, methodology and coverage of the old and new employment series is provided in *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0) issued on 21 June 1984.

Scope of the survey

3. All wage and salary earners who received pay in the three months, 1 January to 31 March 1986, were represented in the survey, except:

- (a) members of the Australian permanent defence forces;
- (b) employees of enterprises in the private sector primarily engaged in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting;
- (c) employees in private households employing staff;
- (d) employees of overseas embassies, consulates, etc.;
- (e) employees based outside Australia;
- (f) self employed persons such as subcontractors, owner drivers and consultants.

4. As an indicator of the number of employed wage and salary earners out of scope of the survey, and included in groups (a), (b) or (c) above, the following estimates relate to February 1986: New South Wales 72,700; Victoria 44,900; Queensland 39,600; South Australia 18,200; Western Australia 19,200; Tasmania 7,000; Northern Territory 3,200; Australian Capital Territory 6,800; and Australia 211,600.

Survey design

5. The survey is conducted by mail each quarter with data collected on monthly employment and quarterly earnings. For the first and last month of each quarter the number of persons is collected; for the mid month of each quarter, details of males and females, full-time and part-time, are collected. (Separate estimates of full-time and part-time employees have not been included in this issue, but are available on request.)

6. For the *Private sector*, a sample of approximately 20,000 private employers was selected from the ABS register of businesses to ensure adequate State and industry representation. The statistical unit for the survey comprises all activities of an enterprise in a particular State. Each statistical unit was classified to an industry which reflected the predominant activity of the enterprise in the State. In a small number of cases where an enterprise had significant employment in more than one industry, a separate statistical unit was created for each industry. The statistical units were stratified by State, industry and size of employment and a simple random sample selected from each stratum.

7. For the *Government sector*, statistical units were derived in the same way as for the private sector; data from all government units are collected in the survey.

Definitions

8. *Reference period* for the number of employees is the last pay-period ending on or before 17 January, 21 February and 21 March 1986.

9. *Number of employees* refers to all employees who received pay for any part of the relevant pay-period. All permanent, temporary, casual, managerial and executive employees are included. Part-time and casual employees who may have worked only a few hours during the reference period are included. Employees on paid leave and those employees on workers' compensation who continue to be paid through the employer's payroll are also included. Casual employees who work on an irregular basis and who were not paid during the relevant pay-period, employees on leave without pay, on strike or stood down without pay for the whole of the pay-period are excluded.

10. *Full-time employees* are permanent, temporary and casual employees who normally work the agreed or award hours for a full-time employee in their occupation and received pay for any part of the reference period; if agreed or award hours do not apply, employees are regarded as full-time if they ordinarily work 35 hours or more per week.

11. *Part-time employees* are permanent, temporary and casual employees who are not full-time employees as defined above.

12. *Government employees* comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of Commonwealth, State, local and semi-government bodies engaged in services such as railways, road transport, banks, postal and telecommunications, air transport, education, radio, television, police, public works, factories, marketing authorities, hospitals and welfare institutions.

13. *Commonwealth employees* are those employed by all government departments, agencies and authorities created by or reporting to the Commonwealth Parliament. Those bodies run jointly by Commonwealth and State governments are classified to Commonwealth.

14. *State employees* are those employed by all State government departments and authorities created by or reporting to State Parliaments, including organisations for which the Commonwealth has assumed financial responsibility e.g. universities. Following self-government, the Northern Territory administration has been classified as a 'State' government.

15. *Local Government employees* are those employed by municipalities and shires and other local authorities created by or subject to the provisions of local government legislation, such as county councils in New South Wales.

16. *Reference period for earnings* constitutes all pay-periods for which the *end* of the pay-period falls within the three months 1 January to 31 March 1986.

17. *Gross earnings* are payments to employees before taxation and other deductions and comprise ordinary time and overtime earnings; overaward payments; penalty payments, shift and other remunerative allowances; commissions and retainers; bonuses and similar payments; payments under incentive or piecework; payments under profit-sharing schemes; leave loadings; annual and long service leave payments; sick leave payments; advance and retrospective payments; salaries and fees paid to company directors, members of boards, committees, commissions, councils etc; amounts paid to employees on workers compensation which are not covered by insurance ie 'make-up' pay; and severance, termination and redundancy payments.

Reliability of Estimates

18. Estimates are subject to sampling and non sampling errors. For more information refer to the Technical note on page 24.

Interpretation of estimates of movements

19. Whilst estimates of employed wage and salary earners are presented in this publication for each month of the calendar quarter, the survey is conducted quarterly and the sample of employers is updated each quarter to reflect changes in the ABS register of business units from which the sample is selected. These changes arise from the emergence of new businesses, takeovers and mergers, changes to industry classification, size of employment and businesses which have ceased operations. Periodically, the ABS takes special steps to improve the coverage of the register in specific industry sectors. This can also contribute to sudden changes in the level of employment estimates for various industries.

20. Estimates of monthly movements within each calendar quarter arise solely from changes in reported employment by employers but quarterly movements also reflect changes resulting from updating the survey sample.

Comparability of results

21. The new series differs in several important ways from the former payroll tax-based civilian employees series and estimates of employed wage and salary earners

provided by the Labour Force Survey. It provides an estimate of the number of jobs occupied by people, whereas the other two series provide estimates of people in jobs. For the new series, data are obtained directly from a sample survey of employers drawn from the ABS register of business units which is more complete than the coverage provided by employers subject to payroll tax. Comparability with Labour Force Survey estimates is affected by the use of a different survey methodology and definitions. In addition, because of unavoidable time delays, which can vary across States, lags occur between the birth of new businesses and their appearance on the ABS register. They will not be represented in the sample selected from the register for one or two calendar quarters after such businesses have commenced operation. As a consequence, estimates of movements in this series will lag those produced from the Labour Force Survey, particularly at a time of upward movement in the business cycle. A detailed description of the comparability between the new Survey of Employers series, the former payroll tax-based Civilian Employees series and the series provided by the Labour Force Survey is presented in the *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Additional detail on the differences between the Survey of Employers and the Labour Force Survey series appears in the *Information Paper: Comparison of Employment Estimates from the Labour Force Survey and the Survey of Employment and Earnings* (6263.0).

22. The Survey of Employment and Earnings (SEE) collects total quarterly employee earnings primarily for use in estimating the gross domestic product component of the Australian National Accounts. Whilst average employee earnings can be derived from this data, the results will not be comparable with those from the Survey of Average Weekly Earnings (AWE) published in *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0). The SEE collects the sum of employee earnings paid in all pay-periods ending in a calendar quarter and the results will be affected by the varying number of pay-periods from quarter to quarter, whereas the AWE relates to a specified pay-period within a quarter and is not subject to such influences. In addition, certain types of payments within the scope of the SEE, such as retrospective pay, pay in advance, leave loadings and severance, termination and redundancy payments are specifically excluded from the AWE. The SEE earnings data are also subject to seasonal variations particularly in December and March quarters. This is due to the incidence of holidays taken in January being paid in advance and the earnings being reported in December quarter figures.

23. Prior to July 1983 the number of government employees was derived from a variety of administrative sources and published in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Commonwealth Government departments and authorities generally reported the number of employees on the payroll on the last working day of the month, but for State and local government employees data were usually provided for the last day of the last pay-period

ending in the month. In an attempt to provide unduplicated estimates of the number of persons who were wage and salary earners, certain government returns were adjusted to exclude some part-time employees considered to have full-time jobs elsewhere.

24. Government employment figures for July 1983 and subsequent months are based on data obtained from government departments and authorities using the same questionnaire, definitions, reference period, collection and processing procedures as for the sample of private employers.

25. Because of the changes to collection arrangements, reference period, the treatment of part-time employees and inclusion of government employees in forestry and services to agriculture (11,200 in May 1983), differences occur between the new and old government series. To provide a statistical link between the new and old government series, information on the new and old basis for April, May and June 1983 was released in the September quarter 1983 issue of this publication.

Industry classification

26. Industry is classified according to the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) 1983 Edition*, (1201.0).

Size classification

27. To derive estimates for Tables 12 and 13, each of the approximate 20,000 statistical units (see paragraph 6) in the private sector is allocated a size classification based on the number of employees actually reported for February 1986. This size classification reflects the employment size of an enterprise in a particular State or Territory and not the employment size of an enterprise Australia wide.

28. Data presented in Tables 12 and 13 show contribution to total employment of enterprises falling into three size groups. Over a period, the composition of these categories will vary as changes in individual employment levels cause some enterprises to migrate from one size group to another. This will have some effect on changes over time in the distribution of employment by size of enterprise.

Revision to series

29. Following recent investigation it has been determined that some employees in NSW industry *Community Services* classified to the private sector should have been classified as State Government. The revised classification has been adopted in this bulletin. Estimates back to July 1983 have also been revised and are available on request.

Related Publications

30. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly (\$1.20, \$2.10 incl. postage)

Information Paper: Review of ABS Employment Statistics (6239.0)—issued 8 July 1981

Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime (6256.0)—issued 21 June 1984

Information Paper: Comparison of Employment Estimates from the Labour Force Survey and the Survey of Employment and Earnings (6263.0)

Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (Preliminary) (6301.0) and final publication *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0)—issued quarterly

Pay Periodicity of Gross Wages and Salaries, Australia, September Quarter 1984 (6347.0)—issued 5 September 1985.

Occasional Paper No. 1986/1: Statistics on Wages, Earnings, Income and Labour Costs—a guide to their concepts, measurement and usage.

A Guide to Labour Statistics (6102.0)—issued 10 February 1986 (\$3.60, \$4.80 incl. postage)

31. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Unpublished statistics

32. In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, computer print-out, clerically-extracted tabulation. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. Inquiries should be made to the officer whose name appears in the *Phone Inquiries* section of the Inquiries box at the front of this publication, or to Information Services in the nearest ABS Office.

Symbols and other usages

— nil or rounded to zero

33. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIA
PERSONS ('000)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PRIVATE									
1984— June	(a) 1,247.3	949.8	500.2	297.6	299.1	85.5	25.9	42.1	(a) 3,447.6
1985—									
January	1,279.3	995.7	515.5	300.9	310.8	89.5	27.5	42.4	3,561.4
February	1,295.2	1,017.5	523.9	304.8	315.3	92.0	27.9	43.4	3,620.0
March	1,297.4	1,022.6	524.1	306.3	318.7	92.4	28.8	43.3	3,633.6
April	1,301.9	1,028.0	530.3	307.5	322.5	92.1	30.9	43.7	3,656.8
May	1,299.9	1,029.6	538.2	310.1	323.2	91.8	32.2	44.1	3,669.1
June	1,300.5	1,026.2	537.5	310.6	322.8	90.4	31.4	43.8	3,663.1
July	1,280.0	1,035.0	529.3	314.4	323.1	87.6	32.4	42.5	3,644.4
August	1,286.3	1,039.0	535.1	314.7	325.9	88.0	32.6	43.0	3,664.7
September	1,285.3	1,043.7	536.7	313.8	327.0	88.8	33.3	42.7	3,671.2
October	1,333.9	1,056.7	542.1	312.0	336.7	91.6	34.4	43.4	3,750.7
November	1,349.0	1,070.6	547.1	314.8	338.5	92.5	34.1	43.6	3,790.1
December	1,356.9	1,077.4	544.2	313.6	341.8	93.0	32.5	44.5	3,803.9
1986—									
January	1,334.8	1,087.3	540.9	313.2	340.1	91.1	31.1	43.3	3,781.9
February	1,359.0	1,106.2	550.7	318.4	346.9	93.2	33.5	44.9	3,852.9
March	1,359.4	1,109.9	548.1	317.5	346.5	93.7	33.7	45.9	3,854.7
GOVERNMENT									
1984— June	(a) 558.9	428.3	256.5	150.9	152.1	51.0	20.9	66.5	(a) 1,685.2
1985—									
January	539.0	417.6	244.9	142.3	145.8	49.8	21.5	65.8	1,626.6
February	552.2	427.2	253.3	144.0	149.3	50.1	21.2	66.8	1,664.1
March	558.4	436.2	256.9	148.9	152.7	52.5	21.5	68.4	1,695.3
April	561.8	438.3	257.4	151.5	155.2	53.3	21.2	68.9	1,707.7
May	550.9	435.6	259.1	151.9	156.0	54.0	21.1	69.2	1,697.8
June	564.9	444.1	258.9	152.1	156.3	51.6	21.2	69.7	1,718.6
July	573.0	443.9	256.8	152.2	154.7	54.1	21.4	69.2	1,725.4
August	568.4	446.6	255.8	152.6	155.3	53.9	21.5	68.6	1,722.8
September	564.8	445.8	257.5	152.1	155.7	54.0	21.6	68.8	1,720.3
October	563.5	446.4	258.2	154.2	157.0	53.5	22.0	69.6	1,724.3
November	566.1	445.8	258.3	153.6	157.1	54.3	22.4	70.2	1,727.8
December	556.7	441.0	254.7	152.7	156.5	53.7	21.8	69.7	1,706.9
1986—									
January	536.9	433.7	251.5	144.8	150.4	49.6	21.7	68.9	1,657.6
February	555.7	441.9	256.6	150.2	156.8	50.2	21.9	69.9	1,703.2
March	564.2	446.3	259.6	152.3	159.4	52.1	21.9	70.7	1,726.5
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT									
1984— June	1,806.3	1,378.1	756.7	448.5	451.2	136.5	46.8	108.6	5,132.8
1985—									
January	1,818.3	1,413.3	760.3	443.1	456.6	139.3	48.9	108.1	5,188.0
February	1,847.5	1,444.7	777.1	448.8	464.6	142.1	49.0	110.3	5,284.1
March	1,855.7	1,458.8	780.9	455.3	471.3	144.8	50.3	111.7	5,328.9
April	1,863.8	1,466.2	787.7	459.0	477.7	145.4	52.1	112.6	5,364.7
May	1,850.9	1,465.2	797.3	462.1	479.3	145.8	53.2	113.3	5,367.0
June	1,865.4	1,470.2	796.4	462.7	479.0	141.9	52.6	113.5	5,381.8
July	1,853.0	1,479.0	786.1	466.6	477.8	141.7	53.8	111.7	5,369.7
August	1,854.7	1,485.6	790.9	467.3	481.2	141.9	54.1	111.6	5,387.5
September	1,850.1	1,489.5	794.2	465.9	482.7	142.8	54.9	111.5	5,391.5
October	1,897.4	1,503.1	800.3	466.2	493.7	145.1	56.3	112.9	5,475.1
November	1,915.2	1,516.4	805.4	468.4	495.6	146.7	56.4	113.8	5,517.9
December	1,913.7	1,518.4	798.9	466.3	498.3	146.7	54.3	114.2	5,510.8
1986—									
January	1,871.8	1,521.0	792.4	458.0	490.4	140.7	52.8	112.2	5,439.4
February	1,914.7	1,548.1	807.3	468.6	503.7	143.4	55.4	114.9	5,556.1
March	1,923.5	1,556.2	807.6	469.9	505.9	145.8	55.6	116.6	5,581.2

(a) Revised—see paragraph 29 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES

State, Territory/Sector	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	\$ m	
New South Wales	1,855.7	1,913.7	1,871.8	1,119.8	794.9	1,914.7	1,923.5	8,915.8
Private	(a)1,297.4	(a)1,356.9	1,334.8	777.6	581.4	1,359.0	1,359.4	5,872.1
Government	(a)558.4	(a)556.7	536.9	342.2	213.5	555.7	564.2	3,043.7
Commonwealth	133.7	133.5	133.0	89.9	44.0	133.9	133.9	759.8
State	(a)363.0	(a)360.6	341.7	202.1	157.5	359.6	368.3	1,962.0
Local	61.7	62.7	62.2	50.2	12.0	62.2	61.9	322.0
Victoria	1,458.8	1,518.4	1,521.0	897.7	650.4	1,548.1	1,556.2	7,000.7
Private	1,022.6	1,077.4	1,087.3	638.1	468.1	1,106.2	1,109.9	4,601.2
Government	436.2	441.0	433.7	259.6	182.3	441.9	446.3	2,399.5
Commonwealth	102.8	101.7	101.3	69.7	32.0	101.6	101.8	570.7
State	293.6	297.5	293.1	166.1	132.6	298.6	302.4	1,666.7
Local	39.7	41.7	39.3	23.9	17.8	41.7	42.1	162.1
Queensland	780.9	798.9	792.4	485.6	321.7	807.3	807.6	3,514.9
Private	524.1	544.2	540.9	322.7	228.1	550.7	548.1	2,168.6
Government	256.9	254.7	251.5	162.9	93.7	256.6	259.6	1,346.3
Commonwealth	50.1	50.7	50.6	33.3	17.6	50.8	50.9	268.4
State	178.1	176.5	173.6	105.8	72.0	177.7	180.6	955.6
Local	28.6	27.4	27.3	23.9	4.1	28.0	28.0	122.3
South Australia	455.3	466.3	458.0	273.1	195.5	468.6	469.9	2,043.9
Private	306.3	313.6	313.2	184.6	133.8	318.4	317.5	1,248.0
Government	148.9	152.7	144.8	88.5	61.7	150.2	152.3	795.8
Commonwealth	36.4	35.6	36.5	27.1	9.3	36.5	35.5	197.3
State	104.4	108.6	100.0	55.2	50.1	105.2	108.3	561.6
Local	8.1	8.4	8.3	6.2	2.3	8.5	8.5	37.0
Western Australia	471.3	498.3	490.4	293.4	210.3	503.7	505.9	2,275.5
Private	318.7	341.8	340.1	202.7	144.2	346.9	346.5	1,473.4
Government	152.7	156.5	150.4	90.7	66.1	156.8	159.4	802.1
Commonwealth	26.0	26.8	26.7	17.2	9.5	26.7	26.8	144.7
State	116.4	119.6	113.5	65.5	53.9	119.4	121.8	612.9
Local	10.3	10.2	10.2	8.0	2.6	10.6	10.8	44.4
Tasmania	144.8	146.7	140.7	87.1	56.3	143.4	145.8	633.5
Private	92.4	93.0	91.1	55.9	37.3	93.2	93.7	374.4
Government	52.5	53.7	49.6	31.2	18.9	50.2	52.1	259.2
Commonwealth	10.0	10.1	10.1	7.2	3.0	10.2	10.2	56.4
State	39.0	40.1	36.0	21.1	15.3	36.4	38.4	186.7
Local	3.5	3.5	3.4	2.9	0.7	3.6	3.6	16.0
Northern Territory	50.3	54.3	52.8	31.7	23.7	55.4	55.6	273.3
Private	28.8	32.5	31.1	19.4	14.1	33.5	33.7	142.8
Government	21.5	21.8	21.7	12.3	9.6	21.9	21.9	130.5
Commonwealth	4.6	5.2	4.9	3.1	1.8	4.9	5.0	28.0
N.T. Government	16.1	15.8	16.0	8.5	7.6	16.1	16.1	98.9
Local	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.9	3.6
Australian Capital Territory	111.7	114.2	112.2	62.9	51.9	114.9	116.6	603.7
Private	43.3	44.5	43.3	23.5	21.5	44.9	45.9	176.8
Government	68.4	69.7	68.9	39.5	30.5	69.9	70.7	426.9
Australia	5,328.9	5,510.8	5,439.4	3,251.3	2,304.8	5,556.1	5,581.2	25,261.4
Private	(a)3,633.6	(a)3,803.9	3,781.9	2,224.4	1,628.5	3,852.9	3,854.7	16,057.4
Government	(a)1,695.3	(a)1,706.9	1,657.6	1,026.8	676.4	1,703.2	1,726.5	9,204.0
Commonwealth	431.8	432.9	431.6	286.7	147.4	434.1	434.2	2,449.3
State(b)	(a)1,110.8	(a)1,119.1	1,074.3	624.6	489.1	1,113.6	1,136.4	6,047.2
Local	152.8	154.9	151.7	115.6	39.9	155.5	155.9	707.5

(a) Revised—see paragraph 29 of Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

TABLE 3. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY

Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	
							\$ m	
PRIVATE								
Mining	80.3	83.7	84.2	77.1	8.0	85.0	83.8	663.4
Manufacturing	962.7	997.9	992.7	730.5	276.3	1,006.7	1,007.2	4,822.1
Electricity, gas and water	5.8	6.3	6.3	5.3	0.9	6.3	6.3	38.1
Construction	225.7	200.7	201.8	179.1	31.4	210.5	211.2	996.6
Wholesale and retail trade	1,023.4	1,093.8	1,089.2	599.7	499.6	1,099.3	1,095.5	3,910.0
Transport and storage	131.8	137.5	135.3	106.1	32.7	138.8	138.2	717.6
Road transport	72.7	74.8	74.3	63.2	14.6	77.8	77.2	347.5
Other transport and storage	59.0	62.8	61.0	42.9	18.1	61.0	61.0	370.1
Finance, property and business services	484.2	518.6	522.1	263.3	269.6	532.9	534.1	2,442.4
Banking	76.9	79.8	79.7	37.1	43.5	80.6	80.7	360.7
Non-bank finance and investment	67.5	68.7	68.0	29.0	39.6	68.6	68.7	352.3
Insurance and services to insurance	50.3	55.4	53.8	26.4	28.1	54.4	54.6	284.5
Property and business services	289.5	314.8	320.6	170.9	158.4	329.2	330.1	1,444.9
Community services	(e)377.3	(e)395.9	382.5	98.9	300.5	399.4	401.7	1,420.4
Health	189.7	196.9	198.5	30.1	172.7	202.8	202.2	705.1
Education, museum and library services	81.9	84.0	76.7	24.4	60.3	84.7	87.4	330.2
Welfare and religious institutions	(e)59.5	(e)65.5	58.1	19.1	42.5	61.6	61.6	165.3
Other community services	46.2	49.4	49.2	25.4	24.9	50.3	50.5	219.7
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	342.4	369.1	367.6	164.2	209.4	373.6	376.2	1,045.5
Entertainment and recreational services	64.5	69.4	69.2	40.4	31.0	71.3	73.1	229.7
Restaurants, hotels; personal services	277.9	299.7	298.4	123.9	178.4	302.2	303.1	815.8
Total all industries(b)	(e)3,633.6	(e)3,803.9	3,781.9	2,224.4	1,628.5	3,852.9	3,854.7	16,057.4
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT								
Manufacturing	25.2	24.9	25.0	21.3	4.1	25.3	24.3	131.5
Electricity, gas and water	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	0.3	1.7	1.8	9.5
Construction	8.1	8.2	8.2	6.9	1.3	8.2	8.3	46.1
Wholesale and retail trade	1.2	1.6	1.6	0.8	0.8	1.6	1.6	8.8
Transport and storage	40.7	38.9	39.7	32.9	7.0	39.9	39.8	268.3
Communication	133.4	136.1	134.8	103.6	31.8	135.5	135.1	712.1
Finance, property and business services	47.2	47.8	48.3	21.8	26.4	48.1	49.0	246.1
Public administration and defence(c)	106.4	106.8	106.8	61.0	46.1	107.1	107.3	612.2
Community services	56.8	56.3	55.1	30.3	25.9	56.2	56.6	331.2
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	11.1	10.6	10.2	6.5	3.8	10.3	10.3	83.0
Total all industries(d)	431.8	432.9	431.6	286.7	147.4	434.1	434.2	2,449.3

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TABLE 3. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY—continued

Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
STATE GOVERNMENT								
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	10.8	8.3	8.1	7.0	1.3	8.3	8.4	47.2
Mining	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	0.2	6.9	6.9	53.1
Manufacturing	28.6	26.7	26.5	24.9	2.5	27.4	27.5	134.0
Electricity, gas and water	108.0	106.4	105.8	95.4	10.3	105.7	105.4	646.8
Construction	42.5	41.5	41.3	36.4	4.8	41.2	41.5	219.0
Wholesale and retail trade	4.3	4.2	3.9	2.7	1.2	3.9	3.9	18.5
Transport and storage	108.4	112.8	110.6	101.3	8.4	109.8	109.5	650.2
Finance, property and business services	51.5	53.4	53.0	25.8	28.4	54.2	53.8	234.6
Public administration and defence(c)	68.1	70.3	70.8	44.1	27.9	72.1	72.4	441.7
Community services	(e)669.3	(e)676.0	634.3	274.7	396.7	671.4	694.0	3,550.8
Recreation, personal and other services	12.7	12.8	13.0	5.4	7.4	12.8	13.1	51.3
Total all industries	(e)1,110.8	(e)1,119.1	1,074.3	624.6	489.1	1,113.6	1,136.4	6,047.2
LOCAL GOVERNMENT								
Electricity, gas and water	25.2	24.9	24.9	22.9	2.1	25.0	25.1	140.7
Public administration and defence(c)	123.2	125.6	122.5	89.7	36.4	126.1	126.5	547.7
Other industries	4.4	4.4	4.2	2.9	1.4	4.3	4.3	19.1
Total all industries	152.8	154.9	151.7	115.6	39.9	155.5	155.9	707.5
TOTAL GOVERNMENT								
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	11.1	8.5	8.3	7.2	1.3	8.5	8.6	48.0
Mining	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.7	0.2	7.0	7.0	53.6
Manufacturing	54.8	52.7	52.7	47.2	6.6	53.9	52.9	271.1
Electricity, gas and water	134.9	133.0	132.4	119.8	12.6	132.5	132.2	796.9
Construction	50.5	49.7	49.5	43.4	6.1	49.5	49.8	265.1
Wholesale and retail trade	5.6	5.8	5.6	3.6	2.0	5.5	5.6	27.6
Transport and storage	150.6	153.2	151.9	135.7	15.6	151.2	150.9	926.0
Road transport	19.8	20.1	20.1	18.3	1.8	20.1	20.0	115.3
Other transport and storage	130.8	133.1	131.8	117.4	13.8	131.2	130.8	810.7
Communication	133.4	136.1	134.8	103.6	31.8	135.5	135.1	712.1
Finance, property and business services	98.7	101.2	101.4	47.6	54.7	102.3	102.8	480.7
Banking	56.2	58.3	59.0	27.5	32.1	59.6	60.5	291.4
Non-bank finance and investment	2.0	2.4	2.4	1.4	1.0	2.4	2.4	14.7
Insurance and services to insurance	12.0	12.7	12.8	5.1	7.7	12.8	12.9	60.5
Property and business services	28.5	27.8	27.2	13.6	13.9	27.6	27.0	114.1
Public administration and defence(c)	297.7	302.7	300.2	194.8	110.4	305.2	306.3	1,601.6
Community services	(e)727.3	(e)733.6	690.6	305.2	423.7	728.9	751.9	3,886.5
Health	266.5	271.6	271.1	77.4	196.7	274.2	275.5	1,371.5
Education, museum and library services	351.8	353.8	311.6	149.3	196.1	345.4	367.0	1,858.5
Welfare and religious institutions	(e)14.3	(e)14.9	15.1	4.2	11.0	15.2	14.7	52.7
Other community services	94.6	93.3	92.9	74.2	19.9	94.1	94.7	603.8
Recreation, personal and other services	23.9	23.5	23.3	12.0	11.2	23.3	23.5	134.8
Total all industries	(e)1,695.3	(e)1,706.9	1,657.6	1,026.8	676.4	1,703.2	1,726.5	9,204.0

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TABLE 3. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY—continued

Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT								
Mining	87.1	90.7	91.1	83.8	8.2	92.0	90.8	717.0
Coal	34.2	33.7	33.8	32.9	0.9	33.8	33.9	292.9
Other mining	52.9	57.0	57.3	51.0	7.2	58.2	57.0	424.1
Manufacturing	1,017.5	1,050.6	1,045.4	777.7	282.9	1,060.6	1,060.1	5,093.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	166.8	165.7	170.4	121.9	54.2	176.1	177.7	841.7
Textiles	31.4	29.2	30.2	18.1	12.4	30.5	31.0	129.5
Clothing	59.9	62.6	63.2	14.7	49.7	64.4	64.3	208.3
Footwear	12.7	12.7	12.4	5.2	7.4	12.6	12.7	42.0
Wood and wood products	46.2	47.3	45.5	40.5	5.8	46.3	46.6	185.1
Furniture and mattresses	27.4	30.1	28.9	24.0	5.6	29.7	29.3	105.5
Paper and paper products	22.0	23.6	23.3	19.2	4.5	23.7	23.7	138.5
Printing and allied industries	76.8	82.2	81.0	53.8	28.5	82.3	83.5	398.3
Chemicals	54.1	56.2	55.6	38.9	17.2	56.2	56.3	319.7
Petroleum and coal products	5.1	5.6	5.4	5.1	0.4	5.5	5.4	45.9
Non-metallic mineral products	41.0	41.7	41.8	37.2	4.9	42.1	42.2	228.1
Basic iron and steel	45.0	45.6	45.7	42.2	3.7	45.9	45.8	284.8
Other basic metal products	27.9	27.7	27.5	25.2	2.4	27.6	27.4	177.9
Fabricated metal products	92.8	101.1	99.3	83.1	17.6	100.7	100.0	464.2
Motor vehicles and parts	69.8	72.1	71.6	59.6	12.0	71.5	70.9	338.2
Other transport equipment	48.5	48.3	49.0	46.4	3.3	49.7	48.4	261.1
Other machinery and equipment	130.3	139.1	135.9	102.1	34.8	136.9	135.9	662.3
Miscellaneous manufacturing	59.7	59.8	58.7	40.5	18.5	59.0	59.1	261.9
Electricity, gas and water	140.7	139.3	138.7	125.1	13.6	138.7	138.6	835.1
Electricity and gas	93.6	93.0	93.0	83.7	9.3	93.0	92.8	570.0
Water, sewerage and drainage	47.1	46.2	45.7	41.5	4.3	45.7	45.7	265.1
Construction	276.2	250.4	251.3	222.5	37.5	260.1	261.0	1,261.8
Wholesale and retail trade	1,028.9	1,099.7	1,094.8	603.3	501.5	1,104.8	1,101.0	3,937.6
Wholesale trade	340.0	358.7	361.2	254.9	108.9	363.8	362.7	1,793.8
Retail trade	688.9	741.0	733.6	348.4	392.6	741.0	738.4	2,143.8
Motor vehicles, petrol, tyres	164.2	166.0	172.1	138.7	35.3	174.0	173.3	655.3
Other retail trade	524.8	574.9	561.5	209.8	357.3	567.1	565.1	1,488.5
Transport and storage	282.4	290.7	287.1	241.7	48.3	290.0	289.1	1,643.7
Road transport	92.6	94.9	94.3	81.5	16.4	97.8	97.2	462.8
Rail transport	88.1	87.6	88.4	82.3	5.8	88.1	88.0	518.9
Water transport	11.5	10.6	10.3	8.7	1.6	10.3	10.2	73.9
Air transport	26.9	27.8	28.0	19.8	8.5	28.3	28.3	187.0
Other transport and storage	63.4	69.9	66.1	49.4	16.0	65.4	65.3	401.0
Communication	133.5	136.3	135.1	103.8	32.1	135.8	135.5	713.3
Finance, property and business services	582.8	619.8	623.4	310.9	324.3	635.2	636.9	2,923.1
Banking	133.0	138.1	138.7	64.5	75.6	140.2	141.2	652.0
Non-bank finance	36.0	38.5	38.7	14.7	24.3	39.0	38.9	210.9
Investment; services to finance and investment	33.5	32.6	31.6	15.6	16.4	32.0	32.2	156.1
Insurance and services to insurance	62.3	68.1	66.6	31.5	35.8	67.2	67.5	345.1
Property and business services	318.0	342.6	347.8	184.5	172.3	356.8	357.1	1,559.0
Public administration and defence(c)	297.7	302.7	300.2	194.8	110.4	305.2	306.3	1,601.6
Commonwealth government administration	81.5	81.3	82.0	44.2	38.0	82.1	82.5	485.3
State government administration	58.4	61.7	62.0	39.2	24.1	63.3	63.6	379.8
Local government administration	123.3	125.7	122.6	89.8	36.4	126.2	126.5	548.0
Other public administration and defence(c)	34.5	33.9	33.6	21.7	11.9	33.7	33.6	188.5
Community services	1,104.6	1,129.4	1,073.1	404.1	724.2	1,128.3	1,153.6	5,306.9
Health	456.3	468.5	469.6	107.5	369.5	477.0	477.7	2,076.7
Education, museum and library services	433.6	437.8	388.2	173.7	256.3	430.0	454.4	2,188.7
Welfare and religious institutions	73.8	80.4	73.2	23.3	53.6	76.8	76.3	218.0
Other community services	140.9	142.7	142.1	99.6	44.8	144.4	145.2	823.5
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	366.3	392.7	390.9	176.2	220.6	396.8	399.7	1,180.2
Entertainment and recreational services	84.5	89.3	88.9	51.1	39.7	90.9	92.8	350.0
Restaurants, hotels; personal services	281.8	303.4	302.0	125.1	180.9	306.0	307.0	830.2
Total all industries(d)	5,328.9	5,510.8	5,439.4	3,251.3	2,304.8	5,556.1	5,581.2	25,261.4

(a) Excludes private households employing staff. (b) Includes employees of private enterprises classified to communication. (c) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates etc. (d) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting. (e) Revised—see paragraph 29 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, NEW SOUTH WALES-SECTOR AND INDUSTRY

Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
PRIVATE								
Mining	24.9	24.3	24.3	23.2	1.2	24.4	24.3	196.0
Manufacturing	339.9	358.1	350.0	254.5	100.4	354.9	354.0	1,768.2
Electricity, gas and water; construction	82.1	71.7	72.4	62.3	13.2	75.5	76.0	366.3
Wholesale and retail trade	358.2	385.6	378.2	207.2	175.2	382.4	381.1	1,432.2
Transport and storage	49.5	49.4	48.8	38.4	12.0	50.4	50.0	265.3
Finance, property and business services	191.4	203.9	200.6	99.2	106.1	205.3	205.9	943.2
Banking	28.0	28.8	29.5	12.6	16.7	29.3	29.4	133.4
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	50.5	51.1	49.6	22.9	27.4	50.3	50.3	272.9
Property and business services	112.9	124.1	121.5	63.7	61.9	125.7	126.3	536.8
Community services	(e)126.8	(e)130.3	128.5	31.7	101.4	133.0	134.5	504.6
Health	67.1	70.2	69.9	11.8	59.9	71.7	71.4	272.6
Education, museum and library services	26.7	26.9	25.4	6.6	20.2	26.8	28.7	112.7
Welfare and other community services	(e)33.1	(e)33.3	33.2	13.3	21.2	34.5	34.4	119.3
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	124.6	133.5	132.0	61.1	71.8	132.9	133.4	395.5
Total all industries(b)	(e)1,297.4	(e)1,356.9	1,334.8	777.6	581.4	1,359.0	1,359.4	5,872.1
GOVERNMENT								
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	3.5	2.8	2.7	2.3	0.4	2.8	2.8	15.2
Mining	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	0.1	3.8	3.8	31.9
Manufacturing	20.8	21.1	21.2	19.4	1.8	21.2	21.1	113.0
Electricity, gas and water; construction	64.6	63.2	62.8	56.5	6.4	62.9	63.1	375.8
Wholesale and retail trade	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.4	1.0	1.0	5.0
Transport and storage	57.8	59.8	58.1	51.4	6.9	58.2	58.1	371.3
Communication	48.4	49.1	48.5	37.7	11.4	49.1	48.9	256.6
Finance, property and business services	42.5	43.3	43.2	17.2	26.1	43.3	43.5	191.5
Banking	24.0	24.5	24.9	11.0	13.6	24.6	25.4	129.8
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	4.6	5.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	24.3
Property and business services	14.0	13.8	13.3	4.2	9.5	13.7	13.1	37.3
Public administration and defence(c)	89.3	89.6	88.8	58.3	30.7	89.0	88.8	483.5
Community services	(e)218.9	(e)215.5	199.0	90.8	125.7	216.5	225.3	1,147.5
Health	79.3	80.1	80.0	23.1	57.6	80.7	80.9	417.0
Education, museum and library services	102.1	100.6	84.5	45.0	56.0	100.9	109.6	541.7
Welfare and other community services	(e)37.5	(e)34.8	34.5	22.7	12.1	34.9	34.7	188.8
Recreation, personal and other services	7.7	7.6	7.7	4.2	3.7	7.9	7.9	52.4
Total all industries	(e)558.4	(e)556.7	536.9	342.2	213.5	555.7	564.2	3,043.7

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TABLE 4. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, NEW SOUTH WALES—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY—continued

Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT								
Mining	28.5	28.0	28.1	27.0	1.3	28.2	28.1	227.9
Manufacturing	360.7	379.2	371.2	273.9	102.2	376.1	375.1	1,881.1
Food, beverages and tobacco	51.3	53.3	51.9	36.5	17.0	53.4	53.0	273.7
Textiles; clothing and footwear	28.5	30.3	30.5	11.1	20.2	31.2	31.2	107.7
Wood and wood products	14.6	14.2	13.4	11.9	1.9	13.7	14.0	55.2
Furniture and mattresses	9.4	9.1	8.9	7.1	1.8	8.9	8.8	33.9
Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	34.3	38.5	36.4	24.2	12.9	37.1	37.6	192.3
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	25.6	26.8	26.3	17.6	9.0	26.6	26.6	163.2
Non-metallic mineral products	13.1	13.1	13.2	11.5	1.8	13.3	13.3	71.9
Basic metal products	37.0	37.2	36.9	34.6	2.7	37.3	37.2	233.9
Fabricated metal products	35.8	37.3	35.9	29.2	7.3	36.4	36.2	166.1
Motor vehicles and parts	10.9	12.3	11.8	10.1	1.5	11.6	11.6	54.2
Other transport equipment	19.2	19.4	19.9	18.7	1.3	20.0	20.0	104.9
Other machinery and equipment	57.5	65.0	63.8	46.6	17.4	63.9	63.4	319.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	23.4	22.6	22.4	14.9	7.6	22.5	22.3	105.1
Electricity, gas and water	51.2	50.1	49.8	44.8	5.1	49.9	50.0	308.9
Construction	95.5	84.8	85.4	73.9	14.5	88.4	89.1	433.3
Wholesale and retail trade	359.3	386.6	379.2	207.8	175.5	383.4	382.1	1,437.3
Wholesale trade	128.3	134.2	133.1	90.7	43.9	134.6	134.9	692.7
Retail trade	230.9	252.4	246.1	117.1	131.6	248.7	247.2	744.6
Motor vehicles, petrol, tyres	55.5	58.4	60.1	49.7	11.4	61.0	60.3	230.9
Other retail trade	175.4	194.0	186.0	67.4	120.3	187.7	186.9	513.7
Transport and storage	107.2	109.2	106.9	89.7	18.9	108.7	108.0	636.6
Road transport	34.7	33.8	33.8	29.5	5.9	35.3	34.7	177.1
Other transport and storage	72.5	75.4	73.1	60.3	13.0	73.3	73.3	459.4
Communication	48.5	49.3	48.7	37.8	11.5	49.3	49.0	257.4
Finance, property and business services	233.9	247.2	243.8	116.4	132.2	248.6	249.4	1,134.7
Banking	51.9	53.3	54.4	23.6	30.3	53.9	54.8	263.3
Non-bank finance and investment	29.8	28.9	28.8	12.5	16.6	29.1	28.9	157.7
Insurance and services to insurance	25.2	27.1	25.8	12.4	13.9	26.3	26.4	139.5
Property and business services	126.9	137.8	134.8	67.9	71.4	139.3	139.4	574.2
Public administration and defence(c)	89.3	89.6	88.8	58.3	30.7	89.0	88.8	483.5
Commonwealth government administration	17.0	16.4	16.3	7.8	8.4	16.2	16.2	94.1
State government administration	20.7	21.2	21.1	12.5	8.9	21.4	21.7	129.1
Local government administration	41.0	42.0	41.6	31.6	10.0	41.5	41.3	203.8
Other public administration and defence(c)	10.5	10.0	9.8	6.4	3.4	9.9	9.7	56.5
Community services	345.8	345.8	327.5	122.5	227.0	349.5	359.7	1,652.1
Health	146.4	150.2	149.9	34.9	117.5	152.4	152.2	689.6
Education, museum and library services	128.8	127.5	109.9	51.6	76.2	127.7	138.3	654.4
Welfare and other community services	70.6	68.1	67.8	36.0	33.3	69.4	69.2	308.1
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	132.4	141.2	139.8	65.3	75.5	140.8	141.4	447.9
Entertainment and recreational services	32.6	35.5	34.3	19.3	15.3	34.5	35.1	144.7
Restaurants, hotels; personal services	99.8	105.7	105.4	46.0	60.2	106.2	106.2	303.2
Total all industries(d)	1,855.7	1,913.7	1,871.8	1,119.8	794.9	1,914.7	1,923.5	8,915.8

(a) Excludes private households employing staff. (b) Includes employees of private enterprises classified to communication. (c) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates etc. (d) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting. (e) Revised—see paragraph 29 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, VICTORIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY

Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
PRIVATE								
Mining	5.2	4.7	4.8	4.2	0.6	4.8	4.8	37.7
Manufacturing	340.0	345.5	346.7	241.9	109.8	351.7	350.8	1,648.6
Electricity, gas and water; construction	54.2	50.9	54.5	48.5	8.3	56.8	57.5	258.2
Wholesale and retail trade	271.1	295.4	295.9	166.0	131.4	297.4	296.7	1,088.5
Transport and storage	31.9	33.0	34.1	26.2	8.8	35.0	35.2	184.2
Finance, property and business services	127.2	144.2	150.9	79.3	73.1	152.3	153.5	737.0
Banking	22.1	23.9	22.9	12.1	11.7	23.8	23.9	109.6
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	30.3	34.4	34.4	16.1	18.7	34.8	35.1	184.5
Property and business services	74.7	85.9	93.6	51.1	42.7	93.8	94.6	442.9
Community services	106.3	110.3	104.8	26.1	83.4	109.6	110.3	379.4
Health	46.5	45.9	47.9	6.5	42.8	49.3	49.1	156.4
Education, museum and library services	28.2	29.8	25.6	8.7	19.0	27.7	28.4	112.4
Welfare and other community services	31.7	34.6	31.3	10.9	21.7	32.6	32.8	110.6
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	86.7	93.3	95.6	45.8	52.8	98.6	101.0	267.5
Total all industries(b)	1,022.6	1,077.4	1,087.3	638.1	468.1	1,106.2	1,109.9	4,601.2
GOVERNMENT								
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	2.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Mining	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	—	2.0	2.0	13.9
Manufacturing	16.7	16.1	16.1	13.6	2.7	16.3	16.3	81.3
Electricity, gas and water; construction	48.2	48.4	48.6	43.4	5.1	48.5	48.5	286.8
Wholesale and retail trade	1.2	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.6	1.5	1.5	8.8
Transport and storage	34.8	35.8	35.5	31.0	3.8	34.8	34.6	220.0
Communication	35.7	36.1	35.8	27.2	8.7	35.9	35.8	195.5
Finance, property and business services	20.8	21.5	21.2	10.5	11.2	21.7	21.9	104.7
Banking	14.2	15.0	15.1	7.4	8.2	15.7	15.7	72.1
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	2.8	2.9	2.9	1.1	1.8	2.9	2.9	14.7
Property and business services	3.8	3.7	3.2	2.0	1.2	3.2	3.3	17.9
Public administration and defence(c)	73.5	77.0	75.1	45.8	31.7	77.5	78.2	372.9
Community services	196.1	198.1	193.2	83.4	116.0	199.4	203.1	1,090.6
Health	76.8	78.8	78.9	22.5	57.4	79.9	80.0	392.1
Education, museum and library services	93.2	92.4	87.1	41.3	50.8	92.1	95.8	503.8
Welfare and other community services	26.1	26.8	27.3	19.7	7.8	27.4	27.3	194.7
Recreation, personal and other services	5.2	4.5	4.8	1.9	2.5	4.4	4.3	24.9
Total all industries	436.2	441.0	433.7	259.6	182.3	441.9	446.3	2,399.5

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TABLE 5. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, VICTORIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY—continued

Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	\$ m	
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT								
Mining	7.1	6.7	6.8	6.2	0.6	6.8	6.8	51.7
Manufacturing	356.8	361.6	362.8	255.6	112.4	368.0	367.1	1,729.9
Food, beverages and tobacco	51.2	48.1	51.5	36.2	17.2	53.4	52.8	261.0
Textiles; clothing and footwear	59.4	57.8	58.6	20.8	38.6	59.4	59.8	216.2
Wood and wood products	10.5	11.0	11.0	9.8	1.5	11.2	11.3	43.7
Furniture and mattresses	7.2	8.2	8.0	6.8	1.5	8.3	8.2	29.8
Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	32.0	34.4	34.3	24.5	10.6	35.1	35.2	175.4
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	22.9	24.1	23.8	17.2	6.9	24.1	24.1	137.0
Non-metallic mineral products	12.0	11.9	11.7	10.2	1.6	11.7	11.8	66.7
Basic metal products	12.2	12.0	12.0	10.4	1.6	12.0	12.0	72.8
Fabricated metal products	28.7	31.7	30.6	25.7	5.5	31.2	31.3	145.1
Motor vehicles and parts	40.9	41.3	41.4	32.7	8.6	41.4	40.9	196.3
Other transport equipment	15.2	14.8	14.7	13.9	1.1	15.0	14.9	81.3
Other machinery and equipment	42.9	44.1	43.5	32.0	11.5	43.5	43.2	209.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing	21.7	22.1	21.6	15.4	6.2	21.6	21.6	95.0
Electricity, gas and water	39.9	39.8	39.9	35.8	4.0	39.8	39.8	237.3
Construction	62.5	59.6	63.2	56.0	9.3	65.4	66.2	307.8
Wholesale and retail trade	272.3	296.9	297.4	166.9	132.0	298.9	298.2	1,097.3
Wholesale trade	94.1	102.6	106.7	74.5	32.4	106.9	106.6	546.4
Retail trade	178.2	194.3	190.7	92.4	99.6	192.0	191.7	550.9
Motor vehicles, petrol, tyres	36.3	34.9	35.1	28.8	6.5	35.3	35.3	130.9
Other retail trade	141.9	159.4	155.6	63.6	93.0	156.6	156.4	419.9
Transport and storage	66.7	68.8	69.6	57.3	12.6	69.9	69.8	404.2
Road transport	22.2	23.3	23.9	20.5	3.9	24.4	24.6	117.3
Other transport and storage	44.4	45.5	45.7	36.7	8.7	45.4	45.2	286.9
Communication	35.7	36.1	35.8	27.2	8.7	35.9	35.8	195.5
Finance, property and business services	148.0	165.8	172.1	89.7	84.3	174.0	175.5	841.7
Banking	36.3	38.8	38.0	19.5	19.9	39.5	39.6	181.7
Non-bank finance and investment	15.9	17.3	17.1	7.4	9.9	17.3	17.7	92.9
Insurance and services to insurance	17.2	20.1	20.2	9.8	10.6	20.4	20.4	106.3
Property and business services	78.5	89.6	96.7	53.0	43.9	96.9	97.8	460.8
Public administration and defence(c)	73.5	77.0	75.1	45.8	31.7	77.5	78.2	372.9
Commonwealth government administration	13.4	13.4	13.3	7.2	6.1	13.3	13.5	72.8
State government administration	13.0	15.2	15.9	10.7	5.4	16.1	16.1	98.9
Local government administration	37.2	39.3	36.9	22.4	16.8	39.2	39.6	149.9
Other public administration and defence(c)	9.9	9.0	8.9	5.5	3.4	8.9	8.9	51.3
Community services	302.4	308.4	298.0	109.6	199.4	309.0	313.3	1,470.0
Health	123.2	124.7	126.8	28.9	100.2	129.1	129.1	548.5
Education, museum and library services	121.4	122.2	112.6	50.0	69.8	119.8	124.1	616.2
Welfare and other community services	57.8	61.4	58.5	30.6	29.5	60.0	60.1	305.3
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	91.9	97.8	100.4	47.7	55.2	103.0	105.3	292.4
Entertainment and recreational services	23.1	22.9	24.9	14.4	11.3	25.7	26.3	86.3
Restaurants, hotels; personal services	68.8	75.0	75.5	33.4	43.9	77.3	79.0	206.1
Total all industries(d)	1,458.8	1,518.4	1,521.0	897.7	650.4	1,548.1	1,556.2	7,000.7

(a) Excludes private households employing staff. (b) Includes employees of private enterprises classified to communication. (c) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates etc. (d) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

TABLE 6. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, QUEENSLAND—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY

Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
PRIVATE								
Mining	18.4	19.9	20.3	19.1	1.7	20.8	20.2	169.2
Manufacturing	104.3	109.2	110.1	87.2	24.8	111.9	113.1	510.8
Electricity, gas and water; construction	44.0	39.4	37.9	34.4	4.9	39.3	38.7	189.5
Wholesale and retail trade	165.4	174.2	174.6	94.2	81.2	175.5	174.5	570.7
Transport and storage	19.7	20.9	20.0	16.2	4.7	21.0	21.0	100.2
Finance, property and business services	62.3	62.6	62.5	33.2	30.5	63.6	63.3	275.2
Banking	12.1	12.2	12.3	5.5	6.9	12.3	12.3	52.6
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	15.7	15.1	14.2	6.4	7.8	14.2	14.1	65.9
Property and business services	34.6	35.2	36.1	21.3	15.8	37.1	36.9	156.8
Community services	56.4	58.6	58.0	15.3	45.4	60.7	60.7	205.3
Health	28.5	29.2	28.9	4.3	25.0	29.3	29.2	98.7
Education, museum and library services	11.9	12.0	12.3	4.1	10.1	14.2	14.2	42.4
Welfare and other community services	15.9	17.4	16.8	6.8	10.4	17.2	17.3	64.1
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	53.6	59.5	57.4	22.9	34.9	57.8	56.5	147.5
Total all industries(b)	524.1	544.2	540.9	322.7	228.1	550.7	548.1	2,168.6
GOVERNMENT								
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.2	0.4	2.6	2.6	14.0
Manufacturing	8.3	6.6	6.6	6.4	1.0	7.4	7.6	36.6
Electricity, gas and water; construction	27.1	26.2	26.1	23.1	2.8	26.0	25.9	146.4
Wholesale and retail trade	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.4	0.6	2.0	2.0	8.4
Transport and storage	29.1	30.0	29.9	27.6	2.2	29.8	29.8	170.5
Communication	21.8	22.4	22.1	17.2	5.0	22.2	22.1	113.0
Finance, property and business services	12.9	13.1	13.4	7.1	6.3	13.4	13.4	67.5
Banking	6.2	6.3	6.4	2.9	3.6	6.5	6.5	31.3
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	3.2	3.2	3.3	1.5	1.8	3.2	3.3	15.4
Property and business services	3.5	3.5	3.7	2.7	1.0	3.7	3.7	20.8
Public administration and defence(c)	43.0	41.9	41.7	30.3	12.8	43.1	43.3	203.2
Community services	107.5	107.6	104.9	46.5	61.3	107.9	110.6	574.8
Health	37.3	37.9	37.7	11.7	26.1	37.8	38.1	187.3
Education, museum and library services	53.7	53.0	50.4	20.8	32.2	53.0	55.5	299.4
Welfare and other community services	16.4	16.7	16.9	14.0	3.1	17.1	17.0	88.2
Recreation, personal and other services	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.0	1.2	2.3	2.3	11.9
Total all industries	256.8	254.7	251.5	162.9	93.7	256.6	259.6	1,346.3

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TABLE 6. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, QUEENSLAND—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY—continued

Industry	Number of employees ('000)							Gross Earnings
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT								
Mining	18.4	19.9	20.3	19.1	1.7	20.8	20.2	169.3
Coal	10.3	10.4	10.4	9.9	0.5	10.4	10.4	92.6
Other mining	8.1	9.5	9.9	9.2	1.1	10.4	9.8	76.6
Manufacturing	112.6	115.7	116.7	93.6	25.8	119.3	120.7	547.4
Food, beverages and tobacco	30.8	29.3	30.7	23.7	9.0	32.8	34.2	145.2
Textiles; clothing and footwear	4.3	4.7	5.0	1.5	3.6	5.1	5.2	16.5
Wood and wood products	7.2	8.3	7.2	6.4	0.9	7.4	7.4	27.8
Furniture and mattresses	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.1	0.8	5.0	4.9	16.4
Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	11.3	11.3	11.2	8.0	3.2	11.3	11.7	54.8
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.1	0.7	3.8	3.9	20.3
Non-metallic mineral products	6.5	6.7	6.9	6.3	0.7	7.0	7.1	36.8
Basic metal products	6.2	6.6	6.7	6.2	0.5	6.7	6.7	42.3
Fabricated metal products	11.8	13.7	14.3	11.7	2.2	13.8	13.4	65.5
Motor vehicles and parts	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.0	0.4	4.4	4.4	17.9
Other transport equipment	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.0	0.4	8.4	8.3	44.7
Other machinery and equipment	9.1	9.1	8.5	7.0	1.9	8.8	8.7	39.2
Miscellaneous manufacturing	5.4	4.9	5.0	3.6	1.4	4.9	5.0	19.9
Electricity, gas and water	18.8	18.4	18.4	16.3	1.9	18.2	18.1	110.6
Construction	52.4	47.2	45.6	41.3	5.8	47.1	46.5	225.3
Wholesale and retail trade	167.6	176.4	176.6	95.6	81.8	177.5	176.5	579.2
Wholesale trade	49.1	52.6	52.3	38.8	13.6	52.4	51.9	230.9
Retail trade	118.5	123.8	124.3	56.9	68.2	125.1	124.6	348.3
Motor vehicles, petrol, tyres	30.8	30.3	30.2	22.9	7.4	30.4	30.2	112.5
Other retail trade	87.6	93.5	94.1	33.9	60.8	94.7	94.4	235.8
Transport and storage	48.8	50.9	49.9	43.8	6.9	50.8	50.8	270.7
Road transport	14.2	14.7	13.4	11.8	2.6	14.4	14.5	59.7
Other transport and storage	34.6	36.2	36.5	32.0	4.3	36.4	36.3	210.9
Communication	21.8	22.4	22.1	17.2	5.0	22.2	22.1	113.0
Finance, property and business services	75.2	75.6	76.0	40.3	36.8	77.1	76.8	342.7
Banking	18.3	18.5	18.7	8.4	10.4	18.8	18.8	83.9
Non-bank finance and investment	11.7	10.5	9.6	4.4	5.3	9.6	9.6	43.6
Insurance and services to insurance	7.2	8.0	7.8	3.5	4.3	7.8	7.8	37.7
Property and business services	38.1	38.7	39.8	24.1	16.8	40.8	40.6	177.6
Public administration and defence(c)	43.0	41.9	41.7	30.3	12.8	43.1	43.3	203.2
Commonwealth government administration	8.2	8.2	8.3	4.1	4.2	8.3	8.4	43.0
State government administration	8.9	8.7	8.6	5.6	3.7	9.3	9.4	50.2
Local government administration	22.8	21.8	21.7	18.7	3.7	22.4	22.4	96.0
Other public administration and defence(c)	3.1	3.1	3.1	1.9	1.1	3.1	3.1	13.9
Community services	163.8	166.2	162.9	61.8	106.8	168.6	171.2	780.1
Health	65.8	67.0	66.5	16.1	51.0	67.1	67.3	286.0
Education, museum and library services	65.7	65.0	62.7	25.0	42.2	67.2	69.7	341.8
Welfare and other community services	32.4	34.1	33.7	20.8	13.5	34.3	34.2	152.3
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	55.8	61.7	59.6	24.0	36.1	60.1	58.7	159.5
Entertainment and recreational services	8.6	9.5	8.6	5.0	4.0	9.0	9.0	29.2
Restaurants, hotels; personal services	47.3	52.2	51.0	19.0	32.1	51.1	49.7	130.3
Total all industries(d)	780.9	798.9	792.4	485.6	321.7	807.3	807.6	3,514.9

(a) Excludes private households employing staff. (b) Includes employees of private enterprises classified to communication. (c) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates etc. (d) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

TABLE 7. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY

Industry	Number of employees ('000)							Gross Earnings
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986			March 1986	March Quarter 1986
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
PRIVATE								
Mining	3.9	4.7	4.6	4.1	0.6	4.7	4.7	39.5
Manufacturing	89.3	92.8	92.6	71.2	22.5	93.7	94.2	425.8
Electricity, gas and water; construction	17.8	15.8	15.5	13.9	2.2	16.1	16.1	71.4
Wholesale and retail trade	89.3	89.8	88.9	49.1	40.5	89.5	88.0	294.1
Transport and storage	8.3	10.0	9.4	7.2	2.1	9.3	9.2	43.1
Finance, property and business services	37.4	38.2	39.1	17.0	22.4	39.3	39.4	170.0
Banking	5.1	5.2	5.3	2.5	2.9	5.4	5.4	23.5
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	8.2	8.8	9.1	3.7	5.4	9.1	9.2	39.6
Property and business services	24.1	24.1	24.7	10.8	14.1	24.9	24.8	106.9
Community services	34.8	35.5	35.3	10.2	27.1	37.3	37.4	125.0
Health	19.9	20.4	20.8	3.3	17.8	21.2	21.3	70.2
Education, museum and library services	5.2	5.4	5.0	1.8	3.9	5.7	5.8	23.1
Welfare and other community services	9.8	9.6	9.5	5.0	5.3	10.4	10.3	31.7
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	25.5	26.8	27.8	12.0	16.4	28.4	28.6	78.9
Total all industries(b)	306.3	313.6	313.2	184.6	133.8	318.4	317.5	1,248.0
GOVERNMENT								
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.6	3.6
Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.1	1.1	1.1	7.4
Manufacturing	4.5	4.4	4.2	3.8	0.4	4.2	3.3	20.5
Electricity, gas and water; construction	15.1	15.3	14.8	13.8	1.2	14.9	14.9	84.2
Wholesale and retail trade	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.1
Transport and storage	11.6	10.1	11.0	10.2	0.8	11.1	11.1	63.8
Communication	11.1	11.1	11.1	8.6	2.4	11.0	11.0	56.8
Finance, property and business services	8.5	8.9	8.9	4.8	4.2	9.0	9.0	43.9
Banking	5.2	5.5	5.5	2.9	2.7	5.6	5.6	25.5
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.1	5.4
Property and business services	2.4	2.3	2.3	1.5	0.8	2.3	2.3	13.0
Public administration and defence(c)	22.1	23.0	23.1	15.6	7.7	23.3	23.3	119.8
Community services	70.8	74.4	66.3	28.3	42.9	71.3	74.1	378.0
Health	27.5	28.2	28.2	7.2	21.2	28.4	28.7	139.6
Education, museum and library services	33.9	36.7	28.7	14.1	19.4	33.4	35.8	177.3
Welfare and other community services	9.3	9.6	9.4	7.1	2.4	9.5	9.6	61.1
Recreation, personal and other services	3.6	3.4	3.3	1.6	1.8	3.4	3.6	16.7
Total all industries	148.9	152.7	144.8	88.5	61.7	150.2	152.3	795.8

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TABLE 7. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY—continued

TABLE 7. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA								
Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	
								\$ m
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT								
Mining	5.0	5.8	5.7	5.1	0.8	5.8	5.8	46.9
Manufacturing	93.8	97.1	96.8	75.0	22.9	97.9	97.5	446.3
Food, beverages and tobacco	17.0	18.3	18.5	13.2	5.4	18.6	19.3	82.8
Textiles; clothing and footwear	6.9	7.1	7.0	2.6	4.5	7.1	7.0	23.3
Wood and wood products	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.4	0.7	5.1	5.0	20.3
Furniture and mattresses	2.9	3.2	2.9	2.5	0.6	3.1	2.9	9.5
Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	7.4	6.9	8.0	5.7	2.5	8.2	8.2	39.1
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.5	0.6	3.0	3.0	16.7
Non-metallic mineral products	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.4	3.7	3.7	19.1
Basic metal products	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.1	0.6	7.7	7.7	46.4
Fabricated metal products	7.1	7.3	7.2	6.2	1.3	7.4	7.4	29.2
Motor vehicles and parts	12.3	12.2	12.1	10.9	1.1	12.0	12.0	62.0
Other transport equipment	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.1	2.3	1.3	11.1
Other machinery and equipment	12.6	13.2	12.7	10.0	3.0	13.0	13.0	57.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing	5.9	7.1	6.6	4.5	2.2	6.7	7.0	29.4
Electricity, gas and water	11.0	11.4	11.0	10.3	0.8	11.1	11.2	63.2
Construction	21.9	19.6	19.3	17.4	2.6	20.0	19.8	92.4
Wholesale and retail trade	89.5	90.1	89.1	49.2	40.6	89.8	88.2	295.2
Wholesale trade	28.7	27.9	28.4	21.1	7.8	28.9	28.5	125.9
Retail trade	60.9	62.2	60.7	28.1	32.8	60.9	59.7	169.3
Motor vehicles, petrol, tyres	16.7	15.9	16.2	12.5	3.4	15.9	15.9	55.7
Other retail trade	44.1	46.3	44.5	15.6	29.3	44.9	43.9	113.6
Transport and storage	19.9	20.1	20.4	17.4	2.9	20.3	20.2	106.9
Road transport	7.6	8.7	8.6	7.3	1.4	8.7	8.6	39.1
Other transport and storage	12.2	11.4	11.9	10.1	1.5	11.6	11.6	67.8
Communication	11.1	11.2	11.2	8.6	2.5	11.1	11.1	57.0
Finance, property and business services	45.9	47.1	48.1	21.8	26.5	48.3	48.4	214.0
Banking	10.3	10.7	10.8	5.3	5.6	11.0	11.0	49.0
Non-bank finance and investment	4.6	5.2	5.4	2.0	3.4	5.4	5.5	23.4
Insurance and services to insurance	4.4	4.7	4.8	2.2	2.6	4.8	4.8	21.7
Property and business services	26.5	26.4	27.0	12.3	14.9	27.2	27.1	119.9
Public administration and defence(c)	22.1	23.0	23.1	15.6	7.7	23.3	23.3	119.8
Commonwealth government administration	5.1	5.5	5.5	3.2	2.3	5.5	5.5	29.8
State government administration	4.4	4.5	4.5	2.7	1.9	4.6	4.6	28.0
Local government administration	8.1	8.4	8.3	6.1	2.3	8.4	8.5	36.6
Other public administration and defence(c)	4.5	4.7	4.8	3.6	1.2	4.8	4.8	25.4
Community services	105.6	109.9	101.7	38.5	70.0	108.5	111.6	503.0
Health	47.4	48.6	49.1	10.5	39.0	49.5	50.0	209.9
Education, museum and library services	39.1	42.0	33.7	15.9	23.3	39.1	41.7	200.3
Welfare and other community services	19.1	19.2	19.0	12.1	7.7	19.8	19.8	92.7
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	29.1	30.2	31.1	13.6	18.2	31.8	32.2	95.6
Entertainment and recreational services	6.8	6.3	7.4	4.5	3.4	7.9	8.1	34.1
Restaurants, hotels; personal services	22.3	23.9	23.7	9.1	14.8	23.9	24.1	61.5
Total all industries(d)	455.3	466.3	458.0	273.1	195.5	468.6	469.9	2,043.9

(a) Excludes private households employing staff. (b) Includes employees of private enterprises classified to communication. (c) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates etc. (d) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

TABLE 8. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY

Industry	Number of employees ('000)							Gross Earnings
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
PRIVATE								
Mining	22.9	25.2	24.9	21.7	3.4	25.1	24.7	186.2
Manufacturing	60.1	63.4	64.5	52.3	13.0	65.3	66.0	318.7
Electricity, gas and water; construction	19.9	17.7	17.0	15.7	2.2	17.9	17.5	96.0
Wholesale and retail trade	93.8	98.4	101.1	55.3	47.8	103.1	103.1	341.7
Transport and storage	15.5	17.8	16.6	12.9	3.5	16.4	16.3	93.6
Finance, property and business services	41.4	46.3	45.6	22.7	24.0	46.6	46.4	213.8
Banking	5.8	5.8	5.8	2.6	3.2	5.9	5.9	24.6
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	10.0	10.5	10.4	4.6	6.0	10.6	10.5	53.2
Property and business services	25.6	30.0	29.4	15.4	14.7	30.1	30.0	135.9
Community services	33.5	37.6	34.4	7.7	28.5	36.2	35.9	123.5
Health	19.3	22.3	22.2	3.0	19.4	22.4	22.3	75.6
Education, museum and library services	6.3	6.2	5.0	2.0	4.3	6.3	6.2	22.5
Welfare and other community services	7.9	9.1	7.2	2.7	4.8	7.5	7.4	25.5
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	31.5	35.3	35.8	14.5	21.8	36.3	36.6	99.8
Total all industries(b)	318.7	341.8	340.1	202.7	144.2	346.9	346.5	1,473.4
GOVERNMENT								
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.3	0.3	1.6	1.7	10.3
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	0.1	0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.9	0.3	3.2	3.2	12.9
Electricity, gas and water; construction	16.7	16.3	16.2	14.7	1.6	16.3	16.3	89.6
Wholesale and retail trade	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.6	3.3
Transport and storage	10.5	10.6	10.6	9.7	0.9	10.6	10.6	60.5
Communication	9.9	10.5	10.5	7.9	2.5	10.4	10.4	54.3
Finance, property and business services	8.4	8.7	8.9	4.5	4.5	9.0	9.1	42.0
Banking	4.9	5.2	5.2	2.3	3.0	5.4	5.4	23.6
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.2	1.2	5.4
Property and business services	2.5	2.4	2.4	1.7	0.8	2.5	2.5	12.9
Public administration and defence(c)	23.4	23.8	23.8	16.1	8.3	24.4	24.5	122.3
Community services	76.1	79.0	73.1	31.9	46.6	78.4	80.7	395.4
Health	28.0	28.6	28.6	8.3	20.9	29.2	29.5	145.4
Education, museum and library services	37.3	39.1	33.8	15.5	22.5	38.0	39.8	185.7
Welfare and other community services	10.8	11.3	10.7	8.1	3.1	11.3	11.4	64.3
Recreation, personal and other services	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.1	0.9	2.1	2.1	11.0
Total all industries	152.7	156.5	150.4	90.7	66.1	156.8	159.4	802.1

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TABLE 8. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY—continued

Industry	Number of employees ('000)							Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	\$ m	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons		
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT									
Mining	23.1	25.3	25.0	21.8	3.4	25.2	24.8	186.6	
Manufacturing	63.3	66.6	67.7	55.2	13.3	68.5	69.1	331.6	
Food, beverages and tobacco	10.7	10.7	11.3	7.9	3.4	11.3	11.8	50.5	
Textiles; clothing and footwear	2.7	2.7	2.7	1.2	1.5	2.7	2.8	9.0	
Wood and wood products	4.8	4.9	5.2	4.6	0.5	5.1	5.2	20.9	
Furniture and mattresses	3.1	3.9	3.6	3.0	0.7	3.7	3.7	13.6	
Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	6.8	7.5	7.5	5.2	2.3	7.5	7.6	34.1	
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	3.4	3.1	3.2	2.8	0.4	3.2	3.2	22.9	
Non-metallic mineral products	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.5	0.4	5.0	5.0	25.9	
Basic metal products	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.0	0.4	5.4	5.4	36.5	
Fabricated metal products	7.3	9.1	9.1	8.5	1.1	9.6	9.5	49.1	
Transport equipment	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.7	0.4	5.1	5.1	23.6	
Other machinery and equipment	7.4	7.2	7.1	6.2	1.0	7.2	7.1	35.3	
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.7	2.5	2.6	1.8	0.9	2.7	2.7	10.3	
Electricity, gas and water	11.8	11.7	11.7	10.7	1.0	11.7	11.7	67.0	
Construction	24.8	22.3	21.6	19.7	2.8	22.5	22.1	118.6	
Wholesale and retail trade	94.3	99.1	101.8	55.7	48.0	103.7	103.7	345.0	
Wholesale trade	27.9	28.7	28.5	20.6	8.1	28.7	28.6	136.9	
Retail trade	66.4	70.4	73.2	35.1	39.9	75.0	75.2	208.1	
Motor vehicles, petrol, tyres	16.1	15.4	19.5	16.0	3.6	19.7	19.5	79.3	
Other retail trade	50.4	55.0	53.7	19.0	36.3	55.4	55.6	128.7	
Transport and storage	26.0	28.5	27.1	22.6	4.4	27.0	26.9	154.2	
Road transport	8.6	9.0	9.0	7.5	1.6	9.1	9.0	42.8	
Other transport and storage	17.4	19.5	18.1	15.1	2.8	17.9	17.9	111.4	
Communication	10.0	10.5	10.5	7.9	2.6	10.4	10.5	54.4	
Finance, property and business services	49.9	55.0	54.5	27.2	28.5	55.7	55.5	255.8	
Banking	10.7	11.0	11.1	5.0	6.3	11.3	11.3	48.3	
Non-bank finance and investment	5.4	6.3	6.3	2.7	3.8	6.5	6.4	32.9	
Insurance and services to insurance	5.6	5.3	5.3	2.4	3.0	5.3	5.4	25.8	
Property and business services	28.1	32.4	31.8	17.1	15.5	32.6	32.4	148.8	
Public administration and defence(c)	23.4	23.8	23.8	16.1	8.3	24.4	24.5	122.3	
Commonwealth government administration	6.2	6.3	6.2	3.4	2.9	6.3	6.2	32.4	
State government administration	5.7	6.0	6.0	4.0	2.2	6.2	6.2	38.7	
Local government administration	10.2	10.1	10.1	7.9	2.6	10.5	10.7	43.9	
Other public administration and defence(c)	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.4	1.4	7.3	
Community services	109.6	116.6	107.5	39.6	75.0	114.6	116.6	518.9	
Health	47.4	50.9	50.8	11.3	40.3	51.6	51.8	221.0	
Education, museum and library services	43.6	45.3	38.8	17.4	26.8	44.2	46.0	208.1	
Welfare and other community services	18.7	20.4	17.9	10.8	7.9	18.8	18.8	89.8	
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	33.6	37.4	37.8	15.6	22.8	38.4	38.7	110.8	
Entertainment and recreational services	6.6	7.9	7.3	3.9	3.4	7.3	7.6	26.6	
Restaurants, hotels; personal services	27.1	29.6	30.5	11.7	19.4	31.1	31.1	84.2	
Total all industries(d)	471.3	498.3	490.4	293.4	210.3	503.7	505.9	2,275.5	

(a) Excludes private households employing staff. (b) Includes employees of private enterprises classified to communication. (c) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates etc. (d) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

TABLE 9. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, TASMANIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY

Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
PRIVATE								
Mining	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.2	3.2	3.1	21.3
Manufacturing	24.0	23.6	23.9	19.6	4.6	24.3	24.1	122.4
Electricity, gas and water; construction	5.3	4.4	4.3	4.0	0.5	4.5	4.6	17.8
Wholesale and retail trade	23.9	25.1	25.1	14.6	10.6	25.2	25.4	83.8
Transport and storage	4.7	3.7	3.6	3.1	0.6	3.7	3.7	18.2
Finance, property and business services	12.2	12.0	11.4	5.5	6.4	11.8	11.8	49.0
Banking	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.0	1.2	2.2	2.2	10.2
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.9	1.1	2.0	2.0	9.8
Property and business services	7.9	7.7	7.2	3.5	4.1	7.6	7.6	29.1
Community services	9.3	11.2	10.0	2.7	8.1	10.8	10.9	36.3
Health	5.5	5.4	5.5	0.6	5.0	5.6	5.6	20.2
Education, museum and library services	2.0	2.3	2.1	0.7	1.7	2.4	2.5	9.2
Welfare and other community services	1.8	3.4	2.3	1.4	1.4	2.8	2.8	6.8
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	9.7	9.9	9.6	3.4	6.3	9.7	10.1	25.6
Total all industries(b)	92.4	93.0	91.1	55.9	37.3	93.2	93.7	374.4
GOVERNMENT								
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.8	0.8	3.9
Manufacturing	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	0.1	0.7
Electricity, gas and water; construction	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.3	0.7	8.0	7.8	45.4
Wholesale and retail trade	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.8
Transport and storage	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.8	0.3	3.0	3.0	16.6
Communication	3.3	3.4	3.4	2.7	0.7	3.4	3.4	17.9
Finance, property and business services	2.3	2.3	2.4	1.6	0.8	2.4	2.4	11.7
Banking	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	3.8
Non-bank finance, investment and insurance	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	2.3
Property and business services	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.2	1.2	1.2	5.6
Public administration and defence(c)	7.6	7.8	7.7	5.3	2.5	7.8	7.8	38.8
Community services	26.2	27.1	23.2	10.1	13.5	23.6	25.7	117.2
Health	9.5	9.9	9.6	2.6	7.3	9.9	10.0	45.3
Education, museum and library services	13.3	13.7	10.0	4.8	5.3	10.1	12.0	51.2
Welfare and other community services	3.4	3.5	3.5	2.7	0.9	3.6	3.6	20.7
Recreation, personal and other services	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.9	6.1
Total all industries	52.5	53.7	49.6	31.2	18.9	50.2	52.1	259.2

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TABLE 9. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, TASMANIA—SECTOR AND INDUSTRY—continued

Industry	Number of employees ('000)						Gross Earnings	
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT								
Mining	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.2	3.2	3.1	21.3
Manufacturing	24.1	23.8	24.0	19.7	4.7	24.4	24.2	123.1
Food, beverages and tobacco	5.0	5.0	5.7	4.0	1.9	5.9	5.9	25.4
Textiles, clothing and footwear	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.0	0.9	1.9	1.9	6.8
Wood, wood products and furniture	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.4	0.3	3.7	3.7	16.1
Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	5.3	5.2	5.0	4.3	0.8	5.1	5.1	31.2
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.9	5.5
Non-metallic mineral products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.9	0.9	5.1
Basic metal products	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.2	0.1	3.4	3.3	23.3
Fabricated metal products	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.2	1.2	1.2	4.7
Transport equipment	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.7	2.8
Other manufacturing	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.6	2.4
Electricity, gas and water	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.5	0.4	5.9	5.8	35.5
Construction	7.3	6.4	6.4	5.8	0.8	6.6	6.6	27.7
Wholesale and retail trade	24.1	25.3	25.3	14.7	10.7	25.4	25.6	84.7
Wholesale trade	7.4	7.9	7.5	5.8	1.8	7.6	7.6	32.9
Retail trade	16.7	17.4	17.8	8.9	8.9	17.8	17.9	51.7
Motor vehicles, petrol, tyres	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.4	0.7	4.0	4.1	15.3
Other retail trade	12.9	13.6	14.0	5.6	8.2	13.8	13.9	36.5
Transport and storage	7.8	6.8	6.6	5.9	0.9	6.7	6.7	34.8
Road transport	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.2	2.5	2.6	11.5
Other transport and storage	5.4	4.4	4.2	3.6	0.6	4.2	4.2	23.3
Communication	3.3	3.4	3.4	2.7	0.7	3.4	3.4	17.9
Finance, property and business services	14.6	14.3	13.8	7.0	7.2	14.2	14.2	60.7
Banking	2.9	3.0	3.0	1.5	1.5	3.0	3.0	13.9
Non-bank finance and investment	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.1	5.3
Insurance and services to insurance	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.7	0.7	1.4	1.4	6.8
Property and business services	9.1	8.8	8.3	4.5	4.3	8.8	8.7	34.7
Public administration and defence(c)	7.6	7.8	7.7	5.3	2.5	7.8	7.8	38.8
Commonwealth government administration	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.9	10.0
State government administration	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.4	0.7	2.1	2.1	12.0
Local government administration	3.1	3.2	3.1	2.5	0.7	3.3	3.3	14.2
Other public administration and defence(c)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	2.6
Community services	35.6	38.3	33.1	12.8	21.6	34.4	36.5	153.5
Health	15.0	15.3	15.0	3.2	12.3	15.5	15.6	65.6
Education, museum and library services	15.3	16.1	12.1	5.5	7.0	12.5	14.5	60.4
Welfare and other community services	5.2	7.0	5.8	4.1	2.3	6.4	6.4	27.5
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	10.6	10.8	10.5	4.0	6.6	10.6	11.0	31.8
Entertainment and recreational services	2.8	2.7	2.4	1.5	0.9	2.4	2.8	11.6
Restaurants, hotels; personal services	7.8	8.0	8.1	2.5	5.7	8.2	8.3	20.2
Total all industries(d)	144.8	146.7	140.7	87.1	56.3	143.4	145.8	633.5

(a) Excludes private households employing staff. (b) Includes employees of private enterprises classified to communication. (c) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates etc. (d) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

TABLE 10. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, NORTHERN TERRITORY—INDUSTRY

Industry	Number of employees ('000)							Gross Earnings
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
Mining	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.6	0.3	1.8	1.8	12.5
Manufacturing	2.1	2.3	2.3	1.9	0.5	2.3	2.3	14.0
Electricity, gas and water	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.2	1.0	1.0	7.6
Construction	5.6	4.4	3.9	3.5	0.6	4.0	4.1	23.1
Wholesale and retail trade	8.2	10.6	10.7	5.4	5.8	11.2	11.3	45.6
Transport and storage	1.9	2.2	2.2	1.7	0.5	2.3	2.2	12.7
Communication	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.0	0.4	1.4	1.4	7.9
Finance, property and business services	5.0	4.6	4.7	2.6	3.5	6.1	5.8	20.5
Public administration and defence(a)	6.2	6.6	6.6	4.1	2.5	6.6	6.6	38.8
Community services	13.0	15.5	14.9	7.6	7.6	15.2	15.4	76.9
Health	3.4	3.6	3.5	0.9	2.6	3.6	3.5	20.6
Education, museum and library services	5.0	4.9	4.9	2.1	3.0	5.1	5.1	26.7
Welfare and other community services	4.6	7.1	6.5	4.6	2.0	6.6	6.8	29.5
Recreation, personal and other services(b)	4.3	4.0	3.3	1.4	2.0	3.4	3.5	13.7
Total all industries(c)	50.3	54.3	52.8	31.7	23.7	55.4	55.6	273.3

(a) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates etc. (b) Excludes private households employing staff. (c) Includes employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

TABLE 11. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—INDUSTRY

Industry	Number of employees ('000)							Gross Earnings
	March 1985	December 1985	January 1986	February 1986		March 1986	March Quarter 1986	
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	\$ m
Manufacturing	4.2	4.3	4.0	2.8	1.1	4.0	3.9	19.7
Electricity, gas and water	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.1	1.0	1.0	5.1
Construction	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.1	1.1	6.2	6.6	33.6
Wholesale and retail trade	13.7	14.8	14.7	8.0	7.2	15.1	15.4	53.6
Transport and storage	4.1	4.1	4.4	3.3	1.1	4.4	4.3	23.7
Communication	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.4	0.6	2.1	2.1	10.2
Finance, property and business services	10.4	10.2	10.6	5.7	5.4	11.1	11.3	53.0
Public administration and defence(a)	32.6	33.0	33.3	19.3	14.3	33.6	33.6	222.3
Community services	28.8	28.8	27.5	11.7	16.7	28.4	29.2	152.4
Health	7.7	8.1	7.9	1.7	6.5	8.1	8.0	35.5
Education, museum and library services	14.7	14.8	13.6	6.1	8.1	14.3	15.0	80.7
Welfare and other community services	6.4	5.8	6.0	3.9	2.2	6.0	6.1	36.2
Recreation, personal and other services(b)	8.6	9.6	8.5	4.6	4.2	8.8	8.9	28.6
Total all industries(c)	111.7	114.2	112.2	62.9	51.9	114.9	116.6	603.7

(a) Excludes members of permanent defence forces and employees of overseas embassies, consulates etc. (b) Excludes private households employing staff. (c) Includes mining and employees of government agencies classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

TABLE 12. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, PRIVATE SECTOR, AUSTRALIA—EMPLOYER SIZE AND INDUSTRY

Industry	Employer size group(a)							
	Less than 20 persons		20-99 persons		100 or more persons		Total	
	February 1986	March quarter 1986	February 1986	March quarter 1986	February 1986	March quarter 1986	February 1986	March quarter 1986
	Persons ('000)	Gross earnings (\$m)	Persons ('000)	Gross earnings (\$m)	Persons ('000)	Gross earnings (\$m)	Persons ('000)	Gross earnings (\$m)
Mining	4.3	24.1	11.4	79.9	69.3	559.4	85.0	663.4
Manufacturing	166.9	610.1	215.3	921.8	624.6	3,290.1	1,006.7	4,822.1
Electricity, gas and water	0.2	0.7	0.5	2.7	5.6	34.7	6.3	38.1
Construction	111.7	428.0	48.4	259.1	50.4	309.5	210.5	996.6
Wholesale and retail trade	455.3	1,464.9	220.9	933.7	423.1	1,511.5	1,099.3	3,910.0
Transport and storage	48.6	177.4	32.7	173.9	57.6	366.3	138.8	717.6
Finance, property and business services	190.7	758.0	126.4	648.6	215.8	1,035.8	532.9	2,442.4
Community services	119.4	385.0	107.7	383.7	172.3	651.7	399.4	1,420.4
Recreation, personal and other services(b)	170.0	414.9	126.2	355.2	77.3	275.4	373.6	1,045.5
Total all industries(c)	1,267.4	4,263.8	889.6	3,759.1	1,696.0	8,034.5	3,852.9	16,057.4

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 27-28. (b) Excludes private households employing staff. (c) Includes employees of private enterprises classified to communications.

TABLE 13. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, PRIVATE SECTOR, STATES AND TERRITORIES—EMPLOYER SIZE

State, Territory	Employer size group(a)							
	Less than 20 persons		20-99 persons		100 or more persons		Total	
	February 1986	March quarter 1986	February 1986	March quarter 1986	February 1986	March quarter 1986	February 1986	March quarter 1986
	Persons ('000)	Gross earnings (\$m)	Persons ('000)	Gross earnings (\$m)	Persons ('000)	Gross earnings (\$m)	Persons ('000)	Gross earnings (\$m)
New South Wales	450.8	1,534.1	286.5	1,261.7	621.8	3,076.3	1,359.0	5,872.1
Victoria	329.8	1,110.8	282.2	1,171.5	494.2	2,318.8	1,106.2	4,601.2
Queensland	197.8	636.4	118.7	485.4	234.2	1,046.8	550.7	2,168.6
South Australia	102.3	339.2	76.6	302.1	139.5	606.8	318.4	1,248.0
Western Australia	117.8	399.6	79.6	356.6	149.5	717.3	346.9	1,473.4
Tasmania	32.3	104.0	24.0	91.8	37.0	178.5	93.2	374.4
Northern Territory	11.6	44.5	13.0	54.4	8.9	43.9	33.5	142.8
Australian Capital Territory	24.9	95.3	9.0	35.5	11.0	46.0	44.9	176.8
Australia	1,267.4	4,263.8	889.6	3,759.1	1,696.0	8,034.5	3,852.9	16,057.4

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 27-28.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Reliability of estimates

Because estimates for the private sector in this publication are based on information relating to a sample of employers rather than a full enumeration, they are subject to sampling variability. That is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from all employers. This difference, called sampling error, should not be confused with inaccuracy that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents or in processing by ABS; such inaccuracy is referred to as non-sampling error and may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or sample. Efforts have been made to reduce non-sampling error by careful design of questionnaires, detailed checking of returns and quality control of processing. Data for the government sector are obtained from a full enumeration of all agencies and are thus not subject to sampling errors.

2. The sampling error associated with any estimate can be estimated from the sample results. One measure of sampling error is given by the standard error which indicates the degree to which an estimate may vary from the value that would have been obtained from a full enumeration (the 'true' figure). There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate differs from the true value by less than one standard error, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

3. If the standard error of an estimate is large relative to the size of the estimate, this detracts seriously from the usefulness of that estimate.

4. Standard errors on *levels* for industries are shown only for the month of March. As the survey is conducted quarterly from a common sample of employers, who report employment details for each month of the quarter, standard errors on all estimates for total persons employed in January, February and March are of a similar magnitude.

5. Standard errors on *movements* provide a measure of the reliability of changes in the level of an estimate. Table A shows standard errors for movements in level of estimates for persons between the months of December 1985 and March 1986. Standard errors for annual movement are updated on an annual basis each December quarter as the magnitude of standard errors for annual movement does not change significantly over this time period.

6. An example of the use of standard error on *levels* for the March 1986 estimates is as follows. Table 1 shows the estimated number of wage and salary earners for March 1986 as being 5,581,200 which has a standard error of 23,800. Therefore there are about two chances in three that a full enumeration would have given a figure in the range 5,557,400 to 5,605,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be in the range 5,533,600 to 5,628,800.

7. Standard errors for earnings are approximately the same relative size as standard errors for employment. Detailed standard errors for both employment and earnings are available on request.

TABLE A. EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, AUSTRALIA—PRIVATE SECTOR : STANDARD ERRORS, MARCH 1986 PERSONS ('000)

Industry	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
LEVEL									
Mining	0.8	0.2	1.2	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.1	—	1.7
Manufacturing	4.5	3.7	2.3	1.9	1.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	6.7
Construction	2.9	3.1	2.6	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.6	5.2
Wholesale and retail trade	7.2	8.0	4.4	3.0	4.6	0.9	1.5	1.5	13.1
Transport and storage	2.6	1.2	1.1	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.4	3.3
Finance, property and business services	5.5	8.1	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.0	11.5
Community services	3.6	4.5	2.1	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.9	0.7	7.3
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	4.6	8.3	5.1	1.3	2.5	0.7	0.4	0.8	11.2
Total all industries	12.4	15.6	8.5	5.5	6.7	2.8	3.2	2.2	23.8
QUARTERLY MOVEMENT									
Mining	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.4	—	—	—	0.9
Manufacturing	2.3	2.5	1.5	0.9	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	3.9
Construction	1.6	1.5	1.9	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	3.2
Wholesale and retail trade	2.8	3.4	2.3	1.7	3.5	0.5	0.3	1.0	6.4
Transport and storage	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4
Finance, property and business services	2.0	4.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.8	1.3	0.6	5.7
Community services	1.8	4.2	1.1	0.7	1.9	0.4	0.7	0.1	5.2
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	2.3	4.3	2.7	0.7	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	5.8
Total all industries	5.4	8.8	4.7	2.6	4.6	1.1	1.6	1.3	12.7
ANNUAL MOVEMENT(b)									
Mining	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.1	—	—	1.4
Manufacturing	4.7	3.8	2.1	2.0	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	6.9
Construction	3.4	3.8	4.1	1.1	2.6	0.5	0.5	0.9	7.2
Wholesale and retail trade	6.4	6.3	3.5	2.6	2.5	0.7	1.1	0.8	10.4
Transport and storage	1.7	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	2.2
Finance, property and business services	3.5	4.7	2.2	1.9	2.4	1.3	0.8	0.8	7.2
Community services	2.3	4.8	1.2	1.2	2.0	0.8	1.8	0.4	6.3
Recreation, personal and other services(a)	3.3	4.5	3.4	1.3	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	7.1
Total all industries	10.4	11.6	7.2	4.4	5.6	1.8	2.4	1.6	18.9

(a) Excludes private households employing staff. (b) See paragraph 5 above.